



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

PUBLICATION OF THE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the above Regulations the report of the Independent Panel regarding the City Council's Members Allowances Scheme has been received. The main features of the Panel's recommendations, suggested for introduction from 1 April 2007, are set out below. The Panel's recommendations will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 13 December 2006, and Council on 10 January 2007 which will decide whether to implement them. Copies of the Panel's report are available for inspection by the public, during normal office hours, at the City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, or on the Council's website at www.winchester.gov.uk Copies may also be purchased for a fee of £15.

Post	Basic Allowance	Special Responsibility Allowance
Basic Allowance		
All Members	£5,800	-
Band One		
Leader	£5,800	£17,400
Band Two		
Deputy Leader with a Portfolio	£5,800	£9,491
Band Three		
Deputy Leader without a Portfolio	£5,800	£7,909
Cabinet Member with a Portfolio	£5,800	£7,909
Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee	£5,800	£7,909
Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	£5,800	£7,909
Leader of Principal Opposition Group	£5,800	£7,909
Band Four		
Band 4 is not in current use	-	-
Band Five		
Chairman of Personnel Committee	£5,800	£3,164
Chairman of Standards Committee	£5,800	£3,164
Chairman of Licensing & Regulation Committee	£5,800	£3,164
Band Six		
Chairman of the Council	£5,800	£2,373
Other Group Leaders	£5,800	£2,373
Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels	£5,800	£2,373
Vice Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	£5,800	£2,373
Band Seven		
Chairman of Winchester Town Forum	£5,800	£1,582
Chairmen of Task & Finish &/or Ad Hoc Working Groups/Panels with Significant Impact	£5,800	£1,582

The Panel assessed that the time needed to fulfil the role of the ordinary Member was 14 hours per week and this was used to calculate the Basic Allowance. Councillors who hold posts with a substantial additional time commitment and

responsibility are also entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) as set out in the above table. The scheme provides some flexibility and not all of the posts within the scheme will necessarily be allocated at any one time. A Member may claim no more than one SRA and not more than half the Members of the Council can receive a SRA at any one time.

The Panel also recommended that either the annual salary settlement for local government staff or the Retail Price Index (whichever is the lower) be generally used as the inflation index, in the event that the Council decides that there are no material issues to require a further report of the Panel in a particular year. Mileage rates should be indexed to Inland Revenue rates.

The Panel recommended inflation increases for the allowances set out below, resulting in the following figures:-

Dependants' Carers' Allowance

Actual and reasonable costs up to £8.40 per hour

Co-opted and Independent Members

Independent Members and Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee - £252 pa

TACT (Tenants and Council Together) Representatives: Full Member - £392 pa

Deputy Member £196 pa.

Travel and Subsistence

All travel allowances, including those for co-opted representatives, Independent Members and Parish Representatives, to be paid at the following rates:-

Cars and Vans - 40p per mile (plus 5p per mile when one or more passengers carried)

Motor Cycles - 24p per mile

Bicycles - 20p per mile

Public transport may also be used in appropriate circumstances at actual cost

Subsistence rates as follows:-

Breakfast £5.51

Lunch £7.59

Tea £2.99

Evening Meal £9.39

Pensions

The Panel recommended that Members be eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme, which should include both the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances.

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